

Distaff DEEDS

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The fall of the year is planning time in the fruit, vegetable and flower gardens. If you plan well now, you can avoid costly mistakes later. You can also have the varieties you like best and those best suited to your environment.

If you are not subscribing to one or more good gardening magazines, you might give yourself a Christmas present. If you are well supplied, you may wish to remember a friend who is horticulturally minded.

If you have house plants with large leaves and smooth foliage—philodendrons, dracaenas, fatsia, palms, rubber and other similar plants, you can improve the appearance by washing the leaves with a sponge dipped in soapy water and squeezed out. Examine your coleus, geranium and other pot plants. If they should be repotted.

Remove old corn stalks, bean, tomato and other refuse from the vegetable garden and have the soil tested. If the test indicates a need for lime and phosphate, apply the recommended amounts and plow under. Plowing now will accompany many things. In the first place, leaving the ground in rough fallow during the winter will flocculate the soil particles and give you a better seed bed in the spring; and secondly, the hibernating quarters of many insects will be destroyed, and the lime and phosphate will be placed in the root zone.

shrubs, except the early flowering shrubs such as forsythia and spirea.

Muscadine grapes should be pruned the latter part of this month or in early December. Pruning now will permit healing of the wounds and prevent bleeding.

If you want to plant some muscadines, you might select from the following varieties: Albemarle (blue-black), Pamlico (light green), Chowan (bronze), Roanoke (white with tinge of golden yellow), and Magnolia (white). All of the varieties are self-fruitful and will pollinate the Scuppernon which is self-unfruitful.

For bunch grapes in the Piedmont and mountains, Ontario, Redonia, Niagara, Delaware and Steuben are good.

Keep the lawn free of leaf accumulation by raking and composting the leaves. If you shred too many leaves on the grass with your mower you may injure it.

HOG SLAUGHTER

Hog slaughter in North Carolina—one of the fastest growing hog producing states—has increased substantially since the mid-1930's but has failed to keep pace with production. North Carolina State University livestock marketing experts point out that about a third of North Carolina's hog production has been going outside the State, primarily to Virginia, for slaughter.

Poultry Disease Kept Far From Borders

An exotic poultry disease that is terrifying producers in California poses no immediate threat to the large Tar Heel poultry industry, although effects of the disease are being felt in North Carolina.

Dr. Ray Harris, North Carolina State University veterinarian, said the exotic Newcastle disease has not been diagnosed in North Carolina or any nearby state. The disease has been Florida, but currently the disease is concentrated in California.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken emergency measures to stamp out the disease and prevent its spread through quarantines and the depopulation of infected flocks.

One giant operation in California, a 2.8-million bird flock at Egg City near Moorpark, Calif., was depopulated recently when exotic Newcastle was found.

The USDA has banned imports of all fowl in an effort to prevent more infected birds being brought into this country. It was a shipment of exotic birds that estab-

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lished the disease in the U. S. in southern California in March.

As a precaution against Newcastle being brought to North Carolina, there will be no out-of-state birds shown this year at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh. In-state birds must have been owned by the present owner for at least six months in order to be shown at the 1972 fair. The restrictions were set recently by the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Harris explained that North Carolina is one of the nation's leading poultry producers and it imports little poultry from other states. However, some hatching eggs are brought into the state, including a relatively large number of turkey eggs from California. He said special precautions are being taken to make sure the exotic Newcastle isn't brought to this state through these imported eggs.

The NCSU veterinarian said producers are being cautioned to continue their vigilance and to continue using recommended vaccinations for disease protection.

Consumers should not be concerned about the poultry disease. It isn't a hazard to humans, the USDA has assured.

Pvt. Edward Goforth Completes Training

FT. JACKSON, S. C. (AHTNC)—Army Private Edward J. Goforth Jr., 18, son of Mrs. Ivey M. Goforth, 105 Coppertown, Kings Mountain, recently completed eight weeks of Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and army history and traditions.

Pvt. Goforth received his training in Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade.

Homecoming at Erskine this year has been moved back to October after several years in December. Events will include meetings of the Alumni Association and Parents Council, a luncheon, homecoming soccer game, and crowning of the homecoming queen.

Concept Taps T. R. Bowman

Theodore R. Bowman has been named plant manager of the Kings Mountain plant of Horton's Incorporated, formerly Concept Furniture Corporation. Horton's, Incorporated is a New York based manufacturer of living room and occasional furniture.

Mr. Bowman formerly owned Ripley Originals, Inc. of Orlando, Florida. After the company was relocated in Roanoke, Virginia he resigned in May of 1972. He was also associated with Carborundum company in Niagara Falls, New York for several years

where he served as an abrasive furniture engineer. Prior to this, he was associated with several woodworking machine distributors in the Virginias and throughout Florida.

Bowman is a graduate from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan with a BS degree in forestry and marketing-wood products. He also served two years with the United States marine corps. Bowman now resides in Gastonia with his wife, the former Veronica Reynolds of Scotland, England and their three children.

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